

City of Cottonwood's Barrel & Pole Bending Series 2011 Rules & Regulations

The City of Cottonwood, along with its volunteer group "Friends of the Equestrian Center", is proud to present to the community an opportunity to compete in a Barrel & Pole Bending Series. Cash prizes will be awarded at the end of the series for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in all divisions.

The following rules have been established and are **subject to change by a member of the Cottonwood Parks and Recreation Department**. The rules will be posted in the kiosk on the side of the registration booth each night of the series.

Divisions: The series will be run in the America West 4D Format. The 1D will be determined by the fastest time. 2D will be the fastest time + .5 seconds. 3D will be the fastest time + 1 second. 4D will be the fastest time + 1.5 seconds. The times for the best 4 weeks will be averaged to determine the "D"'s and the winners in all divisions. The week with the worst time will be dropped. However, if a contestant has only run 4 out of 5 weeks, the worst time will not be dropped. **A no-time will be assessed for running a pattern out of sequence. A 5 second penalty will be assessed for a barrel/pole knocked down.**

Age: Contestants 7 years and older are allowed to compete. All ages are encouraged to wear a helmet during competition.

Horses: Stallions must be handled by at least an 18 or older individual. Cottonwood Parks and Recreation Department reserve the right to exclude any horse from the series based on behavior.

Registration: The books will open at 4:30 p.m. and close at 6p.m. at the registration booth. Each contestant must sign, one time for the entire series, an official waiver of liability at the time of registration. Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present to sign the wavier. **All contestants under 18 must have a guardian on sight at all times.** Barrel time onlys will start at 6pm followed by the barrel race.

Fees: The entry fee for barrels and poles is \$5.00 per run. Time only runs will be \$3.00 per run. **There is a limit of 3 time onlys per horse/rider combination.** Time onlys will be run before the corresponding races (barrel T.O. before the barrel race; pole T.O. before the poles race). There is also a one time arena fee of \$5 charged for the entire series. All checks must be made payable to the City of Cottonwood. Bank fees will be assessed for checks with insufficient funds.

Warm-Up: The event center will be open at 4:00 p.m. All horses are to be held at a walk once inside the event center fence. We ask you to utilize the warm-up arena once the event is in progress.

Alcoholic Beverages: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited during all Cottonwood Parks and Recreation Department programs. This includes the parking lot and any surrounding areas. Anyone violating this rule is subject to dismissal from the Cottonwood Parks and Recreation Department.

Ground Conditions: The ground around the barrels will be reworked and leveled after 7 contestants have competed.____

Refund policy: If the race needs to be cancelled due to weather, the rider will have the option of carrying over the monies to the next night or receiving a refund. No refunds will be given on the night of the race but will be returned during the week following the race. If a rider decides not to run barrels or poles and the race has not started, the rider will be refunded fees as described above. If the race has already started, no refunds will be given.

Payouts: Money will be distributed in this way: 30% of the total purse to the 1D, 27% to the 2D, 23% to the 3D and 20% to the 4D. If a division fails to have a qualifying time or if all placings are not filled, the money will be redistributed within that division. When paying 3 places, the split of the division's money is 43% for 1st place, 33% for 2nd place and 24% for 3rd place. If there are ties in the placings, the two payoffs will be added together and split evenly.

Rerun policy: Re-runs will be allowed in the event of a timer mal-function, if the run was clean. The contestant shall have the option of running again immediately at the end of their rake section, or at the end of the event.